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NEWS

DR. PERCY GROOM has been appointed lecturer in botany at the North London Polytechnic.

DR. C. DETTO of Leipzig, known for his treatise on the theory of adaptation and for other ecological studies, is dead.

MR. OAKES AMES, North Easton, Mass., has presented his collection of living orchids to the New York Botanical Garden.

DR. N. L. BRITTON, N. Y. Botanical Garden, has been elected an honorary member of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

DR. A. A. LAWSON (Chicago), recently of Stanford University, has been appointed assistant in botany at Glasgow University, to succeed Mr. GWYNNE-VAUGHN.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY received in June last a bequest of $50,000 to be used in connection with the Gray Herbarium. It is known as the Sarah E. Potter endowment fund.

MR. R. P. GREGORY has been appointed lecturer in botany at Cambridge University, to succeed Mr. A. W. HILL, who has become assistant director of the Royal Garden at Kew.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM BATESON, Cambridge University, during his recent visit to the United States, lectured at the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, and at The University of Chicago.

DR. HANS FITTING, *privat-docent* at the University of Tübingen, has received for 1907 the stipend of the German government which provides for a visit to the Buitenzorg (Java) botanic garden.

DR. J. REYNOLDS GREEN, lately professor of botany to the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, has been appointed to the Hartley lectureship on plant physiology at The University of Liverpool.

THE DEATH IS ANNOUNCED of Dr. FRANZ KRAŠAN of Graz, Austria. Dr. KRAŠAN is perhaps best known by his writings concerning evolution, which contain records of interesting experiments, as well as somewhat speculative conclusions. In the field of plant geography, he was interested especially in the influence of the earth's heat as a phytogeographic factor, and also in the vegetation of Styria.

A NEW BOTANICAL JOURNAL has been established at Stockhlom, with the title "Svensk Botanisk Tidskrift." It is published by the Swedish Botanical Society, the editorial committee being O. ROSENBERG, K. BOHLIN, G. LAGERHEIM, N. SVEDELIUS, and R. SERNANDER, with ROSENBERG as editor. Four parts will be issued each year, the subscription price being 15 kroner. Two parts for 1907 have appeared, containing about 300 pages.